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Any company that dominates the vehicles by which companies achieve daily tasks and goals (while maintaining the illusion of open market participation, owns and controls the very same roads that facilitate those vital components of commerce AND maintains mafia-esque enforcement practices to insure as few vehicles from any and all rival competitors are equipped with the necessary technology and mechanisms to use those purported "public" roads constitutes the key issue in assessing the true injustice of monopolistic practices.

To my mind the appropriate analogy would be if Ford or GM suddenly decides to buy up all the major highways in the US and then equip those highways with exclusive features and benefits that can be only realized if you own their car. As a matter of fact, if your vehicle is not made by that dominant manufacturer, it just doesn't drive as well when it accesses those highways...it seems to go slower, has trouble with maneuvering and steering and the radio signal is weak or generates nothing but static. As a daily consumer of those highways, one becomes quickly convinced to buy a vehicle manufactured by the same company that is optimized for those highways by virtue of their exclusive ownership and that can also take exclusive advantage of any and all the extras and amenities that are not accessible to any other manufacturers' vehicles.

Microsoft must be disavowed of their monopoly in being made to relinquish ownership either the Windows operating system or the right to develop and market the primary applications which are optimized to run within the Windows OS environment. Individually, each currently dominates their respective markets (solely by virtue of their combined ownership) and jointly present a total supremacy of the marketplace in both areas.